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FOR EA ONLY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, EAGR, SHUM, KS, US
SUBJ: PL-480

1. AS I DISCUSSED WITH YOU, I THINK THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY
THAT WE CAN GET ROKG, IN PARTICULAR DPM NAM, TO GO ALONG
WITH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

2. LETTER FROM ME TO NAM: DEAR MR MINISTER: AS YOU ARE
AWARE, IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN ACTIVE CONCERN WITHIN
THE US GOVERNMENT AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE PART OF CONGRESS
TO ASSURE THAT PL-480 COMMODITIES AND PROCEEDS DERIVED
FROM THE SALE OF THESE COMMODITIES BENEFIT THE POOREST OF
NATIONS AND THE POOREST OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES PEOPLE.
PROVISIONS COMMITTING YOUR NATION TO THESE OBJECTIVES ARE
CONTAINED IN ITEM V AND ITEM VI OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES SIGNED ON JULY 21, 1977.

3. IN FACT, IN RECENT YEARS BOTH THE SELF-HELP REPORTS AND
END-USE REPORTS BY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO US HAVE PROVIDED
SPECIFIC DETAILS OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE
POOREST, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, OF
YOUR NATION. THE PROGRAMS INCLUDE SUCH PROJECTS AS
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LAND AREAS FOR THE POOREST FARMERS,
IMPROVEMENT OF CULTIVATION METHODS, SOCIAL FERTILITY
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IMPROVEMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND
IRRIGATION.

4. IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST IN CONGRESS
FOR EFFECTIVE USE OF PROCEEDS OF PL-480, I WOULD APPRECIATE
CONFIRMATION THAT THE PROCEEDS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE
PL-480 AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1978 WILL BE USED FOR SIMILAR

PROJECTS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT THE POOREST OF YOUR PEOPLE.

5. NAM'S REPLY WOULD CONSTITUTE A LETTER CONFIRMING THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE ABOVE.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION SOONEST THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL BE SUITABLE AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BROADER PACKAGE WE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON. NAM IS VERY ANXIOUS TO SEE ME ON THIS MATTER AND I WILL BE SEEING HIM EVENING OF MARCH 9.
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